

bypass system, for prosecution on the merits of the present application.

REMARKS

Applicants have provisionally elected, with traverse, Group II claims 12-20 and 22, which define a electric power generation system comprising a fuel cell, a humidifier and a humidifier bypass system (classified in class 429, subclass 34) for prosecution on the merits of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue non-elected Group I claims 1-11 and 21, which are drawn to a electric power generation system comprising a fuel cell and purge system (classified in class 429, subclass 13), in separate continuing application(s) filed during the pendency of the present application.

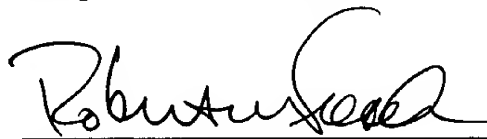
The basis of the applicants' traversal of the above provisional election of Group II claims 12-20 and 22 is that Group I claims 1-11 and 21 fuel cell and purge system claims are sufficiently related in technical subject matter to the Group II fuel cell assembly claims that the Group I claims could be readily searched and examined together with the elected Group II claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8123 if any unresolved matters remain concerning the present restriction requirement.

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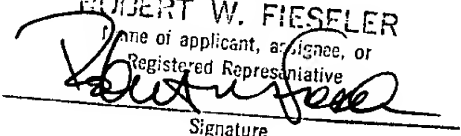
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